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New City Website is Here

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov and you'll notice big changes.

In an effort to become more user-friendly and provide a greater ease of access to residents, the City's website got a makeover. The new site is now live and allows Rockville residents to find out about their city government and community like never before.

Rockville's new website features a friendlier and easier format through which to access City information and services.

The new site was rebuilt through a collaboration of staff from all City departments and a consultant hired to create a new site. The project enhances information sharing with City website users – residents, businesses, organizations and others – and provides a higher level of transparency in operations.

The new site offers more intuitive navigation, an improved search engine and events calendar, and is more interactive. It is also mobile-friendly for smartphone users. The site is or-

ganized into the following sections: Living In, Communication Center, City Government, Doing Business, Explore Rockville and How Do I (with quick links to popular City services). Other features include:

- Easier navigation;
- Contact information on many pages;
- More interaction with Rockville's social media;
- Interactive calendars that allow citizens to sign up for RSS feeds and email or text message notifications to keep up with favorite meetings or events.

The Mayor and Council allocated \$100,000 to redesign the City's website in fiscal year 2012. After a competitive bid process, the contract was awarded to a firm that specializes in city and county government websites. Annual maintenance costs will be lower than maintenance costs for the previous system.

Send your questions and comments about the new site to webadmin@rockvillemd.gov. ✚

Mayor and Council Adopt \$113.9 Million Budget

The fiscal year 2014 City budget, adopted by the Mayor and Council in May, keeps Rockville's real property tax rate steady for the sixth straight year.

Rockville's FY14 operating budget equals \$113.9 million. It

includes funding to maintain current City programs and services and gives a two percent raise to City employees. It represents a 6.4 percent, or \$6.8 million, increase over the fiscal

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Celebrate Independence Day in Rockville

Enjoy Music, Food and Fireworks

Join family and friends on Thursday, July 4, for this year's Independence Day Celebration in Rockville. The festivities will be held at Montgomery College Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St.

The schedule of events kicks off at 7 p.m. with music from the main stage, featuring the Fugitive Brass Quintet, the Rockville Concert Band and a performance from Pinneberg dancers. Enjoy patriotic songs, dancing and food that will be available for purchase.

At 9:15 p.m., get ready to enjoy spectacular fireworks. Celebrate our nation as you take in the view of the spectacle across the sky and remember to bring chairs and blankets for seating.

Alcohol, barbecuing and/or open flames are not permitted at the event site; please also note that there is no smoking on campus.

Parking will be available in all Montgomery College parking lots and parking lots on the corner of Mannakee Street and Route 355. At the conclusion of the fireworks please note that it may take approximately an hour to exit the parking lots.

For further details on parking, directions and general



Enjoy the sights and sounds at Rockville's Independence Day Celebration.

information on the event, visit www.rockvillemd.gov. For additional information, call 240-314-8620 or email special-events@rockvillemd.gov. For recorded information, call the Special Events line at 240-314-5022. ✚

City Hall, Other Facilities to Close on July 4

Recycling, Refuse Collection Shifts One Day

Rockville City Hall will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Most Rockville facilities and programs will not operate July 4. Closures include: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Box Office; Croydon Creek Nature Center; Glenview Mansion and Art Gallery; Lincoln Park, Twinbrook and Thomas Farm community centers; and the Senior Center.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center and the RedGate Municipal Golf Course will be open for limited hours.

Parking fees at City-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be delayed by one day for homes with a collection day that falls on Thursday or Friday of that week. Thursday collection will be made on Friday, and Friday collection will be made on Saturday. Call 240-314-8568 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov for more information. ✚

City Election Ballot to Include Charter Questions

Rockville residents will get a chance on Election Day to advise elected leaders on potential revisions to the City's Charter, the document that governs Rockville's local government.

Three advisory referendum questions will appear on the Nov. 5 ballot, with response options of yes, no or no opinion:

- In the City of Rockville, the term of office for the Mayor and the Councilmembers is currently two years. Do you favor increasing the term from two years to four years?
- City of Rockville elections

are currently held every two years, in odd numbered years. Do you favor moving the City elections to be held every four years to coincide with the Presidential Election?

- The City of Rockville is currently governed by a Mayor and four Councilmembers. Do you favor increasing the membership of the Rockville Mayor and Council to a Mayor and six Councilmembers?

Future Mayor and Councils may consider the outcome of these advisory referendum questions but are not required to

change the Charter in response to the votes. The questions were recommended for the ballot by the City's Charter Review Commission, which presented a report to the Mayor and Council in January. For more information on the commission, visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

The positions of mayor and four councilmembers are open to any official candidate in the Nov. 5 City election. Candidate Information Election Packets for interested candidates are available in the City Clerk's Office

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A community center helps families in need prepare to go back to school.

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IN BRIEF

What's the Buzz? Bees at Croydon Creek Nature Center

Rockville's own Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Rd., is home to hundreds of honeybees, which are on display in a hive for visitors to see.

Join us for an informative program, Celebrate Honeybees, on Saturday, July 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. The program is open to people age 5 and older; children under 10 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Learn about the amazing and gentle honeybee with our volunteer beekeeper. Explore beekeeping, honeybee biology, and extract honey from the comb.

Registration is required at a fee of \$4 for City residents and \$5 for non-residents. Register through the online registration system Rock Enroll at www.rockvillemd.gov for course number 43386 or in person at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or other City facilities. For more information call the nature center at 240-314-8770.



National Public Works Week

Kids were able to explore and climb on the big trucks of the City's Department of Public Works at the Equipment Show on May 23. Visitors got up close and personal with recycling and refuse trucks, earth-moving equipment and other machinery. The show was a part of Rockville's celebration of National Public Works Week from May 20 to 24. To learn more about the Public Works Department, go to www.rockvillemd.gov.

Rockville's Best Kept Secrets

You know Rockville is a great place to live and work. But did you know there are pocket parks waiting to be discovered, an orchestra just for our area's talented youth, and recreational opportunities for dogs? Find out about these and more best kept secrets in Rockville.

Hidden Parks

Rockville maintains 1,073 acres of open space in and around 65 parks for the public to enjoy, with a park within walking distance of most residences in the City. Nestled in various neighborhoods is a handful of parks waiting to be discovered. Here are four you should check out and the neighborhoods they call home:



- **Dawson Farm Park**, adjacent to Ritchie Parkway on Copperstone Ct. (Hungerford)

- **Memory Walk Park**, at the intersection of Lincoln and Douglas avenues (Lincoln Park)
- **Jacquin Trells Williams Park**, at the intersection of South Adams Street and Route 28 (West End)
- **Veterans Park**, at the intersection of Viers Mill Road and Rockville Pike (Town Center)

Special Refuse Collections

The City's refuse and recycling program allows residents to dispose of refuse in a wheeled gray cart and recycling materials in a wheeled brown cart. But did you know every resident can receive up to six free special bulk collections in a year for items that don't fit in the carts, such as furniture, lumber and remodeling debris and even pianos? Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse to learn more or call 240-314-8568.

Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

Neighborhood organizations may be eligible for up to \$1,000 in grant money from the City for projects, actions and initiatives designed to improve each neighborhood – as long as the grant recipient organization matches the city's contribution dollar-for-dollar.

The next grant application deadline is October 15. Apply early for a better chance of funding. Learn more at www.rockvillemd.gov.



Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra

Dedicated instrumental music students can further their abilities by participating in a beginning youth orchestra program with the Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra (RRYO), for kids in grades four through nine. Auditions are Sept. 17 and 18 at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or call Julie Farrell in the Arts Division at 240-314-8682.



Rockville Police Ride Alongs

Find out what a day in the life of the Rockville City Police Department looks like by taking advantage of the department's Ride Along Program.

Qualified applicants should apply at least two days in advance of a requested ride along date, be willing to submit to a background check and be 18 years or older (in some cases the Chief of Police may make an exception to the age requirement).

For more information or to request a ride along, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or contact Maj. Bob Rappoport at 240-314-8971 or brappoport@rockvillemd.gov.

Volunteer Opportunities and Appreciation

Rockville is home to many residents who want to contribute to the greater good.

The City offers many ways to volunteer, such as helping a senior, helping on the sidelines at youth sports activities, ushering at theater performances and mentoring elementary school kids and more.

The City salutes its volunteers for their contributions in the spring at a volunteer appreciation party at the Senior Center, and in the fall at a citywide volunteer appreciation gathering. Student Service Learning hours are available for many volunteer assignments.

Learn how you can help at www.rockvillemd.gov.

All Dogs Go to... Rockville!

Rockville put a priority on pets with the creation of a designated dog park in King Farm (adjacent to the Mattie T. Stepanek Park) and a chance for dogs to cool off at the Swim Center after the summer swimming season ends.

Rockville's leash rules ensure the safety of dogs as well as people, and baggie stations throughout the City remind pet owners to keep

yards and parks waste-free for everyone's use. The Police Department's Neighborhood Services Division offers off-leash certification to dogs that pass a test. Register to have your dog tested by calling 240-314-8937.

Treat your pooch to a party in the pool at Doggie Dip Day on Saturday, Sept. 14 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Rockville Swim Center, 355 Martins Ln.

For more information on this event or the dog park, visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

Fresh, Free and Clean: Rockville's Water

Rockville's environmental stewardship – spearheaded by our Environmental Management Division – ensures that the cleanliness and safety of City water is something every resident can count on.

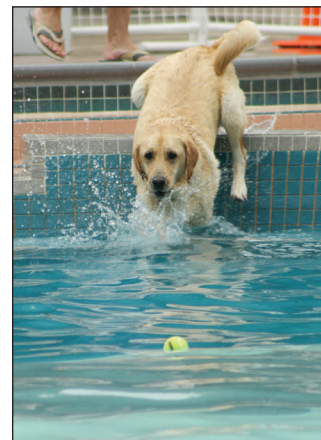
The City of Rockville has operated a water treatment plant since 1958 that provides potable drinking water to the community. The plant meets or exceeds standards set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment (see page 5 for more information).

The Environment Division also runs the City's TapIt program, which is part of a national effort in which businesses provide free tap water to the public upon request, going green by reducing the use of bottled water.

And, Rockville's adopt-a-stream program invites organizations to play an active role in keeping our waterways clean as many of them feed into the Potomac River.

Learn more about Rockville's commitment to clean water at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

We know there are more best kept secrets in Rockville. Send your favorites to pio@rockvillemd.gov for a chance to see them featured on the City website or social media. ✦



FREE for All IN THE PARKS

Visit Rockville Parks on Tuesday Evenings

this Summer for Great Family Fun!

FREE and open to the public.

Don't Forget: a blanket, lawn chair, dinner and bug repellent.



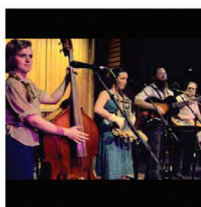
JUNE 18 • 7 p.m.
Iosea and the Pacific Island Dancers

Montrose Park
451 Congressional Lane
Learn hula and Tahitian dance. Enjoy authentic, live ukulele music and witness a fierce warrior dance with fire.



JUNE 25 • 7 p.m.
Lox & Vodka – Jewish Soul Music

Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive
Lox & Vodka plays music that rocked the boat so much they got off and stayed. (In case of inclement weather, this show will move inside to the TFCC gym.)



JULY 9 • 7 p.m.
Bumper Jacksons

Calvin Park
1248 Gladstone Drive
A big, fat party – hot and sweet music from the streets of New Orleans.



JULY 16 • 7 p.m.
Billy Finch Stage Show

Rockville Senior Center (Carnation Room) 1150 Carnation Drive
Featuring the lovely and talented Minerva. Singer, impersonator and comedian, Billy Finch, brings legends to life.

Please call 240-314-8682 after 4 p.m. the day of the show for information about cancellation due to inclement weather.



www.rockvillemd.gov/arts • 240-314-8682

Mayor & Council

City of Rockville Elected Officials (Two-Year Term from November 2011 to November 2013)



Mayor
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Tom Moore



Councilmember
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember
Mark Pierzchala

Fallsmead Elementary School Student Served as Mayor for a Day

Winner of Essay Contest Went Behind the Scenes at City Hall

Miss Young-A Kim, fourth-grader at Fallsmead Elementary School, won the City of Rockville's "If I Were Mayor" essay contest,



"If I Were Mayor" contest winner Young-A Kim takes a seat at the mayor's desk during her day as mayor.

sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association (MMA).

Rockville's winning essay was selected from entries submitted by students in MML's District 5, which includes Rockville's schools.

The theme for this year's "If I Were Mayor" contest was "Vision for the Future." Students addressed changes they would make as mayor, and how they would involve citizens to make the community a better place to live.

In her essay, Young-A described her vision of a green-

er, eco-friendly Rockville with events she calls "Supporting Day" for a communal tree-planting and a "Rockville Cookout," emphasizing community involvement.

She wrote: "With the help of Rockville citizens we may accomplish anything."

Young-A's essay also highlighted the importance of working with other cities: "If we run out of ideas of how to make our city better; then the other mayors from different cities

and I may gather around and share ideas for how to make our cities a better place."

Young-A's day as mayor was Thursday, May 23. She went for a ride-along with the Rockville City Police, attended the Equipment Show where she received a street sign with her name, and had lunch with Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio.

The little mayor also made an appearance in the City's 69th Annual Memorial Day Parade and was recognized at the June 17 Mayor and Council meeting, televised on Rockville 11. ❖



PARK REDEDICATION IS A LIVING TRIBUTE... The park located at 704 Grandin Ave. was recently renamed as Phyllis Kavanagh Park. Mrs. Kavanagh was a key contributor to the design, construction and overall look of the park, formerly known as Grandin Park. The park's new designation was recognized in a ceremony on May 25.



CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL IS NOW OPEN IN ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER... State and government officials joined Choice Hotels and Foulger-Pratt in the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 6. Pictured from left to right is Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton, Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Stewart Bainum, chairman of the Board of Choice Hotels International, Stephen P. Joyce, Choice Hotels president and CEO, Clayton Foulger, Foulger-Pratt Principal, State Sen. Jennie Forehand and Steve Silverman, Mont. County Director of Economic Development.

Charter Review Commission

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at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. and online at www.rockvillemd.gov/election13.

Key election year dates include:

- Friday, Sept. 6 – Deadline to file as a candidate
- Friday, Sept. 20 – Candidate orientation
- Monday, Oct. 7 – Close of voter registration; absentee ballots available
- Friday, Oct. 11 – Sample ballot mailed to all registered voters
- Tuesday, Oct. 29 – Last

day for City to mail absentee ballots

- Tuesday, Nov. 5 – Election Day; same day voter registration at City Hall

Register to vote at City Hall, local libraries, or the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 North Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. The voter registration form can be downloaded at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

For more information about Rockville's upcoming election, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8286. ❖

FY14 Budget Adopted

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year 2013 budget. The General Fund budget, the fund that supports the largest portion of the operating budget, equals \$69 million, an increase of 5.7 percent. FY14 begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2014.

Property tax rates remain the same as FY13 at \$0.292 for real property and \$0.805 for personal property. Each of these rates is per \$100 of assessed value. The FY14 budget continues with the City's supplement to the State of Maryland's Homeowner's Tax Credit, which provides real property tax credits to low- to moderate-income homeowners for their taxes due on their principal residence.

The City's refuse rate remains flat for FY14, while water, sewer, and stormwa-

ter management rates will increase. Based on the FY14 rates, the average resident will pay \$6.81 more each month than they did in FY13 for water, sewer, refuse and storm-water management services.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP), the City's five-year plan for funding capital expenses, decreased by 4.5 percent from FY13, to \$66.5 million. Forty-seven projects will be funded by the CIP, which is being supported by a \$5.7 million transfer from the General Fund and a \$3.5 million taxpayer supported bond issue. This General Fund transfer and bond issue accounts for much of the 5.7 percent increase in the City's General Fund budget.

To learn more about the City's FY14 budget, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget. ❖

MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All general sessions, work sessions and public hearings are televised on Rockville Channel 11, and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

- July 1 (Monday)
- July 15 (Monday)
- July 29 (Monday)
- Aug. 5 (Monday)
- Aug. 6-Sept. 8 (Summer Recess)

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's Office is appreciated, call 240-314-8280. Along with Mayor Marcuccio, the councilmember scheduled is: John F. Hall, Jr. on July 15; Bridget Donnell Newton on Aug. 5.

IN BRIEF



Sen. Cardin was joined by local elected officials in front of the Rockville City Police station.

New Legislation Promoted During U.S. Senator Cardin's Visit

On May 13, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin paid a visit to the new Rockville City Police headquarters, 2 W. Montgomery Ave., to promote new legislation and to tour the police station.

Sen. Cardin spoke about the National Blue Alert Act of 2013, a bill that aims to create an extended system of communications across state lines that aids authorities in catching suspects that have killed or injured police officers.

Sen. Cardin's tour of the new police station showcased the facility's state-of-the-art technological upgrades which were obtained, in part, through Sen. Cardin's help with federal funds.

The Rockville City Police Department is a regional leader in partnering with the federal government on public safety services that protect our residents and local law enforcement officers.

To learn more about the Rockville City Police, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

German Sister City Visitors Take in Rockville

A group of 18 visitors – 15 teens and three adults – from Rockville's Sister City of Pinneberg, Germany, will be visiting Rockville until July 9.

The teens are students of German dance school Tanzschule Leseberg and arrived in Rockville on June 25. The visitors were welcomed and hosted by the City of Rockville, the Rockville Sister City Corporation (RSCC) and The Finest Performance Foundation (FPF), a non-profit organization supporting performing arts for students in Rockville.

The dance group will perform at the City's Independence Day celebration on Thursday, July 4, at Montgomery College-Rockville Campus. (See Page 1 for more details on the event.)

Their visit is part of RSCC's exchange program. The German dance students hosted two groups from the FPF in Pinneberg last summer.

RSCC is a non-profit organization that forms new and lasting sister city relationships with foreign cities, such as Pinneberg, to learn more about each other through shared common goals.

The City of Rockville is also currently working on forming a formal sister city relationship with Jiaxing, China.

For more information on the exchange contact Karen Rawlins, RSCC's director of student exchanges, RSCC and FPF's president, at thefinestperf@aol.com or 301-370-2437 or Brigitta Mullican, RSCC's president, at coburgl@verizon.net or 301-230-0890.

Summer Playgrounds Program Invites You to 'Come Out and Play'

Rockville's supervised drop-in summer recreation program at playgrounds throughout the community gives children the chance to stay close to home while enjoying fun activities with friends.

Eleven Summer Playgrounds locations – including a new one at Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Dr. – will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 1 and staffed with experienced, fun and creative leaders that ensure a great time for all who attend.

Sports, crafts, special events and nature activities afford an opportunity to be active and outdoors for six weeks of the summer. Children can pick swimming, tennis, bowling or a trip to Six Flags as optional extras.

Kids in the Summer Playgrounds program will spend an evening showing off their talents performing skits and competing for the City Cup and other awards at the annual Come Out and Play event. The City invites you to this free community gathering on Wednesday, July 17 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on the lawn of Rockville's Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.

The event will also include carnival games for young spectators. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner and make an evening of it. For Summer Playgrounds program locations, registration and fee information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620. Registration is ongoing.

Fresh Produce Bountiful at City's Farmers Markets

Rockville's popular summer farmers markets have been drawing crowds to town center on Wednesdays and Saturdays since mid-May and will run throughout the growing season.

The markets provide an opportunity to purchase farm-fresh locally-grown produce, cheese, meats, baked goods, flowers and more.

The Wednesday market is held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through September 25 along East Montgomery Avenue. It's a great opportunity for people who live and work in Rockville to enjoy midweek shopping and socializing.

The Saturday Farmers Market is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Nov. 23 in the parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

The Saturday market participates in Eat Fresh Maryland, a program designed to expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables for low-income residents. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards are accepted at the Saturday market. EBT card users can use their card on eligible items such as fruits, vegetables, and meats. Card holders can also get up to \$10 of matching EBT funds each week at the Saturday market.

For more information on the Rockville Farmers Market, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov. "Like" the market's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RockvilleFarmersMarket for the latest updates.



Call For Entries 17th Annual F. Scott Fitzgerald Short Story Contest

Open to residents of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Deadline: **Friday, August 16, 2013**

Call for Entries available at:

- Rockville City Hall
- Glenview Mansion
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
- Rockville Senior Ctr.
- Rockville Municipal Swim Ctr.
- Croydon Creek Nature Ctr.
- Lincoln Park Com. Ctr.
- Thomas Farm Com. Ctr.
- Twinbrook Com. Recreation Ctr.



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Sponsored by F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, Inc. in partnership with City of Rockville and Montgomery College

In The Community



Hole 3 is a par 4 at RedGate Golf Course – challenging the golfer to hit across water and land on an elevated green.

Rockville's RedGate Golf Course in Full Swing

Enjoy Summer Camps, Special Rates for Service Members and More

The RedGate Golf Course, 14500 Avery Rd., is Rockville's hometown course, with something for all ages to enjoy.

Perfect your swing or learn the sport as you take in the views of rolling landscape of this hidden gem in the Washington metropolitan area.

Junior golfers, ages 6 through 16, can attend one of the facility's Nike Golf Camps to learn every aspect of the game of golf: full swing, chipping, putting and pitch shots, as well as the rules, terms and etiquette.

The full day camp combines instruction and play, while half day camp is instruction only and is recommended for new and beginning golfers.

The full and half day camps

run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Here are the remaining weeks with openings (both full and half day camps):

- July 15-22
- July 22-26
- Aug. 5-9
- Aug. 12-16

Also this summer, the course salutes all service members, military, police and fire and emergency medical staff with a special rate of \$29 for golf with cart, Monday through Thursday. The offer is valid through Aug. 31 with a valid ID. Book your tee time today.

RedGate is managed by Billy Casper Golf. To learn more about other programs, events or rates at RedGate, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-406-1650. ✦

Maryland Economic Development Association Honors Local Resident

The Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA) has named a former board chair from Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) as its 2013 Volunteer of the Year.

Albert Lampert, a long-time proponent of economic development in Rockville, was honored at the association's annual conference in Cambridge, Md. in late April.

Mr. Lampert helped to establish the Greater Rockville Partnership, a public-private partnership created in 1997 that supports economic development in Rockville. It was rebranded as REDI in 2004. Mr. Lampert was the organization's board chairman from 1997 to 2012 and remains a board member today. He is retired from his job as president and chief executive officer of Aspen Systems Corporation.

Also at MEDA's annual conference, the association named two current REDI officers to MEDA's board of directors. REDI Director Laurie M. Boyer is now Immediate Past President at

Photo Credit: Rick Lippenholz Photography



REDI Executive Director Laurie M. Boyer congratulates Al Lampert with the award.

MEDA and Lynne Benzion, REDI's deputy director, was named Professional Development Co-Chair.

In other REDI news, Rockville's Mayor and Council authorized City Manager Barb Matthews to execute an agreement with the nonprofit organization in June.

The agreement, which is renewed every three years, outlines REDI's commitment to fostering economic development in Rockville. In fiscal year 2014, which begins July 1, the City's adopted budget includes funding for REDI of \$554,850.

For more information on REDI, visit www.rockvilleredi.org or call 301-315-8096. ✦

Bikeshare Program Debuts in Rockville this Fall

13 Stations to be Constructed Within Rockville

Rockville has held the designation of a Bronze Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists since last October, and the City is about to get even bike-friendlier.

"We have a lot of cyclists in this town," the City's bicycle and pedestrian coordinator, Kevin Belanger, says. "It seems like a real community is starting to coalesce around cycling here which is really great to see."

Cyclists in Rockville can look forward to the upcoming extension of the Capital Bikeshare program into the City and Montgomery County. The program is a network of bicycle-sharing stations intended to provide more access to bikes for com-

muters and other cyclists in the City.

The program allows cyclists to rent a bike from a designated station and drop it off at other stations within the Capital Bikeshare network. To learn more on how the program works, go to www.rockvillemd.gov.

The Capital Bikeshare program already has more than 1,600 bikes in circulation across Washington, D.C. and Virginia. The bike stations in Rockville will be some of the first locations for Capital Bikeshare in Maryland. The stations to be constructed in Rockville include:

- Campus Drive and Mannakee Street

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ROCKVILLE RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO WENT 'ABOVE AND BEYOND'... Members of the public safety agencies that serve the City of Rockville were honored at the 24th Annual Public Safety Awards on June 12. The Rockville City Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation and Rockville Volunteer Fire Department were recognized at the ceremony. Pictured here is Rockville Chief of Police Terry Treschuk congratulating Corporal Kyle Dickerson for his service.

News You Can Use



Montgomery College students Francesca Suarez and Virginia Bezerra de Menezes (standing on Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio's right and left side, respectively) visited with Mayor Marcuccio during a Mayor and Council drop-in session in May. The young women volunteered with the Human Rights Commission (HRC) as part of Professor Alonzo Smith's human rights class at the college. Mr. Smith (far left) and HRC Chair David Smith (far right) joined them for their session with the mayor.

Human Rights Commission Reaches Out to Young People

Rockville's Human Rights Commission (HRC) has been working with the City's youth and young adult population in recent months.

After Montgomery College Professor Alonzo Smith reached out to the commission while teaching a class on human rights (Politics in Action), his students volunteered to complete tasks related to human rights issues, from topics like high school violence and bullying to civic engagement. The students completed a report for the commission's review based on their experiences.

"Working with the Rockville Human Rights Commission was a great experience for me. I had the opportunity to learn more about the many initiatives that are aimed to improve the life of every resident in the city," said Montgomery College student Virginia Bezerra de Menezes.

Fellow student Francesca Suarez added: "The experience was unique, enriching and enormously rewarding."

The students are looking forward to future volunteer efforts for the City and the commission.

"This internship/volunteer opportunity highlighted the positive and important way that the City and Montgomery College can work together to address issues for the common good," said HRC Chair David Smith.

The commission also organized a diversity leadership workshop for high

school students in May.

Thirty-three students from three Rockville high schools (Richard Montgomery, Rockville and Thomas S. Wootton) attended the workshop, which was designed to give students the skills and tools to address discrimination and alienation within their school community. The program also encouraged students to increase their awareness of diversity beyond that of culture to gain a greater appreciation of people who are different than themselves.

Participant Hannah Hassani, who attends Wootton High School, said she has begun to develop relationships with students she met from other high schools at the event and can't wait to see what more will come from this group of students and the HRC in the future.

"The workshop was effective and engaging in teaching about what diversity is and how people -- particularly young ones -- can address it," Hassani said. "I also gained skills that I will need in a city that is full of diversity."

The students who attended will come back together in August to make plans to achieve inclusion and harmony within their school communities in the upcoming school year.

For more information on the work of the Human Rights Commission, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or contact Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8316. ✚

Annual Report Gives Customers Update on Rockville's Water *Rockville's Drinking Water is Safe; Fill Bottles with TapIt Program*

The City of Rockville's Department of Public Works (DPW) is releasing the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report on July 1. Rockville's drinking water continues to be safe.

Rockville's water meets all drinking water quality requirements with no violations of the regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and adopted and enforced by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Drinking Rockville's tap water is not only safe but it also helps protect the environment and saves money. Reusable water bottles can be filled up with tap water at home or for free around town with TapIt.

The City of Rockville and partnering water utilities are promoting TapIt, a program providing free and easy access to Rockville's clean, sustainable tap water. Residents can fill up reusable bottles when on-the-go at participating TapIt businesses in the City and the greater DC area. To find a TapIt



site near you, go to www.TapItwater.com.

Learn more about your drinking water by viewing the full Annual Water Quality Report at www.rockvillemd.gov. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. To speak with someone about the report, please call 240-314-8556.

Puede aprender de su agua potable leyendo el más reciente Reporte Anual de Calidad del Agua visitando a www.rockvillemd.gov y escribiendo en el buscador "water quality" (Calidad de Agua). El reporte anual contiene información valiosa acerca el origen y la calidad de su agua potable. Para preguntas del reporte, por favor llame al 240-314-8556. ✚



These active seniors participated in the 2012 bocce ball tournament at the Senior Center.

Senior Center Members Compete in Bocce Ball Tournament

Rockville seniors are getting ready to bring their A-game to their very own bocce ball tournament on Tuesday, July 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

An active group that meets every Tuesday and Thursday -- with some Saturday practices, weather permitting -- bocce ball players of the Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., find the game to be a great way to have fun with a competitive spirit.

The senior bocce ball group is currently comprised of more than 25 members, a number that keeps growing

each year. Seniors of the center encourage other members to play, as the practices are all drop-in meet-ups at the center's bocce ball court.

Bocce ball at the Senior Center is open to all members regardless of fitness level or knowledge of the sport.

The July tournament will consist of even teams battling it out to a final playoff.

To find out more about center membership, other upcoming events or general information about the Rockville Senior Center, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov. ✚

IN AND AROUND ROCKVILLE



Fall Recreation Registration Starts in August

City Celebrates National Recreation and Parks Month in July

From arts to dance and fitness, and nature to sports and swimming, Rockville's Recreation and Parks Department provides the community with countless ways to stay active.

Registration for fall classes and programs begins Aug. 16 for residents, and Aug. 23 for non-residents. The fall recreation guide will be available online on Aug. 2, will be mailed to Rockville homes, and will be available for pick up at City Hall and other City facilities.

Register online through Rock Enroll (the City's online registration system) at www.rockvillemd.gov, in person at City Hall or City facilities, or by mail or fax. A registration form and more information are available in the fall guide.

Rockville offers hundreds of classes and programs, including many new activities such as Little Stars (theater for preschoolers), tap dance for adults and badminton leagues for adults. Popular programs such as pre-ballet for preschoolers, instruction sports (t-ball and soccer for children) and senior aerobics tend to fill quickly, so register early for your best chance for a spot. Programs are available for everyone from infants to seniors.

The City's Sports Division fall team sport programs include co-rec soccer and cross-country for youth, as well as kickball, volleyball, softball and basketball for adults. Registration for fall sports is underway, and deadlines vary depending on the sport. Start dates, schedules and costs vary. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports for details and sign up today.

The Recreation Fund and Senior Assistance Fund provide financial assistance to adults who would not otherwise be able to participate in recreation programs and activities. The Youth Recreation Fund provides scholarships to youth age 18 and younger based on need; financial assistance must be applied for in person at the time of registration.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8620.

Tennis Tournament Returns to Rockville

Rockville's adult tennis tournament, open to City residents and non-residents proved to be a regional draw for talented tennis players in May.

David Markward, a resident of Bowie, defeated Suzanne Proctor of Silver Spring in the final on Saturday, May 18. Both players have a 3.5 USTA ranking.

Eight other players joined them for the tournament, which took place in matches over a two-week period. After the final, players were treated to a brunch as part of their registration fee.

Rockville's Sports Division in the Recreation and Parks Department brought back the tournaments this year after a brief hiatus. Sports Program Specialist Duncan Mullis said he sees residents and their children enjoying the City's many public tennis courts throughout the year.

"The thing about tennis is that just about anyone can pick up a racket and find themselves immersed in the game," Mr. Mullis said. "Regardless of age or skill level, tennis is a great sport for health, fitness and having fun."

For more information on tennis in Rockville, call 240-314-8620 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

Explore Rockville by Bike on the Carl Henn Millennium Trail

Families are Invited to Guided Rides July 21 and Aug. 18

Every third Sunday of the month this summer, Rockville's Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) hosts guided bike rides for all ages along the City's Carl Henn Millenium Trail. The trail is an 11-mile bicycle beltway that circles Rockville, providing cyclists an efficient and safe means of getting around the city.

Meet at Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Pkwy., for the ride on July 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Families have another chance to take part in a guided ride on Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon starting at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

Rain at start time cancels the ride; wet pavement does not.

Nancy Breen, Chair of RBAC, says the guided trail rides this summer are a great way to get the family involved. "In addition to being fun, cycling promotes balance, fitness and general health," Breen says. "Biking is a wonderful way to travel – way more fun than in a car and everyone gets to participate."

Rockville's Millennium Trail is named in honor of the late Carl Henn, an environmental activist in Rockville who initiated RBAC to promote cycling in the Rockville community. The bicycle beltway is prominently featured on Rockville's Bicycle Map, which can be found online at www.rockvillemd.gov.

For more information on bicycling in Rockville, visit www.rockvillemd.gov. For the latest updates, you can also find RBAC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bikerockville.

National Night Out Shines a Light on Crime Prevention on Aug. 6

Bring your family and friends out for an evening of community togetherness on Tuesday, Aug. 6 for the Rockville Police Department's National Night Out.

Each neighborhood hosts its own block party that includes activities such as cookouts, moon bounces, giveaways, carnival games, prizes and a chance to spend time with neighbors.

McGruff the Crime Dog will spread his anti-crime and anti-drug message at several of the scheduled block parties. The Rockville Mayor and Council, Rockville City Police Department officers and members of the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office will visit many of the block parties.

National Night Out is a long-standing crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It's aimed at raising awareness about crime and drug prevention, generating support for anti-crime programs, strengthening community spirit and community policing partnerships, and sending a message to criminals that neighborhoods are fighting back against crime.

For more information about National Night Out in Rockville, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or contact Cpl. Ken Matney at 240-314-8922 or kmatney@rockvillemd.gov.



Save the Date: Uncorked Returns to Town Center August 24

Sample wines from some of Maryland's best wineries at Rockville's popular Uncorked Wine and Music Festival on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The festival runs from noon to 6 p.m. in town center and includes two stages with live music, cooking demonstrations and tastings from a bevy of local vineyards.

Festival-goers age 21 and older can purchase a bracelet to sample wines for \$15 at an information booth; the fee includes a wine glass for tastings.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/uncorked or call 240-314-8620.

Arts & Entertainment



Runners at the start of the 2011 Twilight race, which began at dusk in Rockville Town Center.

Twilight Runfest Returns for 28th Year

8K, Fun Run and Block Party Set for July 20

Nothing motivates a runner to hit the pavement day after day than a good old-fashioned road race, and the Darcars Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest, which benefits Rockville's Youth Recreation Fund, is one of the best in the area.

Register now for the 8K evening race – which includes a wheelchair division – or the event's 1K fun run and get ready to celebrate mid-summer with your friends at the block party afterwards with music and refreshments.

The runfest is Saturday, July 20 and kicks off at 7 p.m. with live music by Lloyd Dobbler Effect. Ten-year-old pop star Aishlinn Kivlighn will sing the national anthem and the Mayor and Council will welcome runners at 8:30 p.m.

The races start at 8:40 p.m. (wheelchair division), 8:45 p.m. (8K), and 8:50 p.m. (1K fun run) on North Washington Street in town center. The course runs through Rockville neighborhoods and the Montgomery College-Rockville Campus and turns south on Rockville Pike as it

returns to town center.

Due to construction at the college, the race route was slightly re-routed this year. The course will be closed to traffic.

Packet pick up is at Potomac River Running in Rockville Town Square. The registration fee is:

- \$39 online from July 1 through 5 p.m. on July 19, and at Potomac River Running that evening from 5 to 8 p.m.
- \$45 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on July 20 at Potomac River Running
- \$10 for the 1K fun run

The race benefits the City's Youth Recreation Fund, which provides financial assistance to Rockville children who may not otherwise be able to participate in City programs, and community grants through the Rockville Rotary Club.

For more information about the race or to register to run, go to www.rockvilletwilighter.org or call 240-314-8620. Also, "like" Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest on Facebook for the latest updates. ✚

Photography, Paintings and More Featured at the Art Gallery

Visit the Glenview Mansion for Free Art Exhibits in July and August

Take a break from the heat and cool off at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Dr., while taking in some great art.

The gallery will feature exhibits this July and August and is open to the public and free of charge.

Look "Through the Lens" of photographers Robert Ausura, Phil Fabrizio and Beamie Young for the July exhibit, running from June 30 through July 30. There will be

a free opening reception for the photographers on Sunday, June 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

July's Sunday Afternoon Concert Series at the Glenview Mansion Conservatory will also be on June 30 at 2 p.m., featuring Michael DeLalla, a guitarist and vocalist who performs in the style of acoustic guitarists Leo Kottke and John Fahey.

Glenview's monthly exhibits continue in August, featuring the art of the Women's Caucus for Art of Greater Washington, a community of women of the Washington, D.C. area in the visual arts professions. Artwork on display will include paintings,

prints, sculpture and performance art.

The August exhibit will run from Aug. 4 through Sept. 3, with a free opening reception held on Sunday, Aug. 4, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.



Pictured here is a photograph by artist Beamie Young entitled "Slow Moving." This artwork and more will be featured in July's art exhibit.

Stop by the conservatory on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. for the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series featuring blues artist James Mabry.

Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and closed on official City holidays. The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible.

For more information about these exhibits or other monthly shows, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov. ✚

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Spend Your Summer Nights at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

The Rockville Concert Band will present an "Open House Concert on the Patio" on Tuesday, July 16, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The free concert will be on the patio behind the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.

The concert is the culmination of three open rehearsals the band hosted in June. These rehearsals invited anyone of the public with any experience playing a musical



Attend the Rockville Civic Ballet's production of "Coppelia" this August at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

instrument to have the opportunity to perform with the band.

According to John Saint Amour, director of the Rockville Concert Band, the open house concert will showcase band members and participants of the open house rehearsals who have not been able to pick up an instrument in a long while.

"Playing in a band does not end when you graduate high school," Saint Amour says. "It can continue for

life. It gets better as an adult because the conductor isn't your teacher grading your every move."

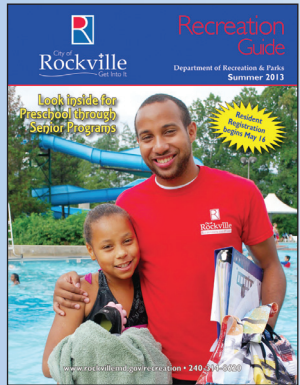
The Open House Concert will include a selection of Disney music, a Broadway medley and more.

The Rockville Concert Band is comprised of a diverse group of professionals and has provided music for civic events and holidays since the 1950s. For further information on the

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FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** **GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** **FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** **CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration required, register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center** **SR**, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall** **CH**, 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov and click on recreation registration on the right side.

July

June 30-July 30 **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit** See the photography of Robert Ausura, Phil Fabrizio and Beamie Young. Opening reception for the artists is Sunday, June 30, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. FREE See page 6. **GM**

2,9,16,23,30 **King Farm Evening Family Bike Rides** Meet at King Farm Homestead Park, 1199 Grand Champion Rd. for a ride from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The rides are suitable for families; children under 12 must accompanied by a parent. Rain at start cancels ride; wet pavement does not.

July-Aug. Calendar

RES = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

3,10,17,24,31

Wednesday Farmers Market Farm-fresh produce, baked goods and more for sale at the Wednesday market every week from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along East Montgomery Avenue.

4 Rockville's Independence Day Celebration Come out for music, food and fireworks at Rockville's 4th of July event at Montgomery College-Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St. (bring blankets and chairs). See page 1.

6,13,20,27 **Saturday Farmers Market** Stop by the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday for the best in local produce and more.

9 Free For All in the Parks - Bumper Jacksons Bring a blanket or lawn chair, bug spray and dinner for a big, fat party with Bumper Jacksons - hot and sweet music from New Orleans. Concert runs from 7 to 8 p.m. at Calvin Park, 1248 Gladstone Dr. In case of inclement weather, call 240-314-8682 after 4 p.m. on the day of show. FREE

13, Aug. 17 **Saturday Story and Hike (Adult/Child)** Stop by the Nature Center for story time and a hike from 10 to 11 a.m. A naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Course number for July is 43623; for August, 43624. Cost: \$3 R/\$5 NR **CC**

16 Free For All in the Parks - The Billy Finch Stage Show Also featuring the lovely and talented Minerva, the singer, impersonator and comedian brings legends to life from 7 to 8 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, dinner and bug spray; for inclement weather, call 240-314-8682 after 4 p.m. on the day of show. **SR**

16 Open House Concert on the Patio The Rockville Concert Band will put on this

performance starting at 7:30 p.m. on the patio behind the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. See page 6. **FSF**

17 Come Out and Play with Rockville Playgrounds Bring family, friends, blankets and a picnic dinner for this free community event from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The event will include carnival games, a moon bounce and more. See page 4.

19 Family Movie in the Park Watch a movie on the BIG screen in Israel Park at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. The event will start at 8:30 p.m. (sunset). Popcorn and refreshments will be sold.

20 Celebrate Honeybees Learn about the gentle honeybee with our beekeeper from 1 to 3 p.m. Explore beekeeping, honeybee biology and extract honey from the comb. Register for course number 43386. \$4 R/\$5 NR Ages 5+ See page 2. **CC**

20 Rockville Rotary Twilight Runfest The 28th annual runfest begins at Rockville Town Center at 7 p.m. The event consists of an 8K race (including a wheelchair division), a 1K fun run and a summer night block party for a rockin' evening. See page 6.

21 Carl Henn Millennium Trail Family Bike Ride Take on the 11-mile bicycle beltway with the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC) from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Pkwy. See page 6.

30 Bocce Ball Tournament Members of the Rockville Senior Center will take on each other in the game of bocce ball from 10 a.m. to noon at the center's bocce ball court. See page 5. **SR**

30 Square Dance Learn the steps of the ever-popular dance from 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Commission and Victory Court, the event

costs \$10, which includes lessons and refreshments. To register, call 240-314-8810. **SR**

August

3,4 **Rockville Civic Ballet's "Coppelia"** Performances are on Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. The Rockville Civic Ballet's production is to music by Delibes under the direction of Claudia Mangan. See page 6. **FSF**

3,10,17,24,31 **Saturday Farmers Market** Come out for the market's seasonal offerings, fresh-cut flowers and more at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4-Sept. 3 **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit** August's exhibit features the art of the Women's Caucus for Art of Greater Washington. An opening reception for the artists is on Aug. 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. See page 6. **GM**

4 Sunday Afternoon Concert To complement the opening of August's art exhibit is the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series at 2 p.m. at the conservatory. Artist James Mabry will perform blues. See page 6. **GM**

6,13,20,27 **King Farm Evening Family Bike Ride** The weekly rides continue on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Meet at King Farm Homestead Park, 1199 Grand Champion Rd. Rain at start cancels ride; wet pavement does not.

6 National Night Out See page 6.

7,17,21,28 **Wednesday Farmers Market** Purchase locally-grown produce, assorted meats, cheese, baked goods and more along East Montgomery Avenue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

16 13th Annual Back to School Jam Families in need

can buy a backpack with school supplies for \$1 (limit 4 per family). Enjoy food, drinks, DJ, prizes and more from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. See page 8.

18 Carl Henn Millennium Trail Family Bike Ride Meet at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave., for this 11-mile guided tour of Rockville's signature ride. This wide, paved, multi-use path circles Rockville. See page 6.

24 Uncorked Wine & Music Festival Wrap up the summer from noon to 6 p.m. at Rockville Town Square. Sample wines from Maryland's best wineries, listen to live music and enjoy cooking demonstrations. See page 6.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

July 3, Aug. 14 **Sign Review Board** 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Hear and decide applications for modifications from the sign regulations.

July 3, Aug. 7 **Advisory Committee** 7 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

July 4, Aug. 1 **Environment Commission** Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

July 9 **Human Services Advisory Commission** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month.

July 10,24, Aug. 7 **Planning Commission** Meetings are televised on Rockville 11.

July 10, Aug. 14 **Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month.

For the most up-to-date event listings visit www.rockvillemd.gov or sign up for the E-Letter: Just click on "subscribe to news" on the left side of the home page, enter your name and email, and choose City Events.

July 13 **Board of Appeals** Meetings are the second Saturday of the month; there will be no meeting in August.

July 16, Aug. 20 **Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month.

July 17 **Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month except August.

July 18, Aug. 15 **Senior Commission Meeting** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monthly meetings are open to all members of the Rockville Senior Center.

July 18, Aug. 15 **Historic District Commission** Meetings are the third Thursday of the month and televised on Rockville 11.

July 23, Aug. 27 **Traffic and Transportation Commission** 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Vacancies

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov. The City is seeking applicants for:

- Board of Appeals (1)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (1)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (3)
- Planning Commission (2)
- Retirement Board (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (2)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (1)

FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING VISIT WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV

Abundancia de productos frescos en el Mercado de Agricultores de la ciudad

El mercado popular de verano de Los Agricultores de Rockville, ha estado atrayendo multitudes los miércoles y sábados, en el centro de la ciudad desde el mediado de mayo y seguirá durante toda la temporada del cultivo.

Los mercados traen la oportunidad de comprar productos agrícolas frescos, cultivados localmente como queso, carne, productos horneados, flores y mucho más.

El mercado de los miércoles empieza de las 11 a.m. hasta las 2 p.m. y seguirá hasta el 25 de septiembre sobre la calle East Montgomery Avenue. Es una gran oportunidad para aquellos que viven y trabajan en Rockville disfruten comprando y socializando a media semana.

El Mercado de Agricultores de los sábados empieza de las 9 a.m. hasta la 1 p.m. y seguirá hasta el 23 de noviembre, en el es-

tacionamiento en la esquina de la Ruta 28 y Monroe Street.

El mercado de los sábados participa en Eat Fresh Maryland (Coma Saludable Maryland), un programa diseñado para promover el consumo de fruta y vegetales frescos para los residentes de bajos ingresos. En el mercado de los sábados se aceptan las tarjetas de Transferencia Electrónica de Beneficios (Electronic Benefit Transfer, EBT). Los titulares de las tarjetas también pueden recibir \$10 de fondos de EBT cada semana en el mercado de los sábados.

Para obtener más información y para obtener las últimas novedades sobre el Mercado de Agricultores de Rockville, vaya en línea a www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers. ❖

Bikeshare Debuts

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- Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive
- Rockville Metro – East and West
- Courthouse Square and East Montgomery Avenue
- Falls Grove Drive and West Montgomery Avenue
- Fleet Street and Ritchie Parkway
- King Farm Boulevard and Piccard Drive
- King Farm Boulevard and Pleasant Drive
- Monroe Street and Monroe Place
- Spring Avenue and Lenmore Avenue
- Taft Street and East Gude Drive
- Falls Grove Boulevard and Falls Grove Dr.

Rockville's Capital Bikeshare program is expected to be up and running in early fall.

If you want to learn more about the Capital Bikeshare program in Rockville, contact Kevin Belanger at 240-314-8509 or kbelanger@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Rockville Sees Increase in Participants of Bike to Work Day

As part of Bike Month in Rockville this past May, commuters celebrated traveling on two wheels on May 17 for Bike to Work Day.

In the spirit of fun and community camaraderie, the City of Frederick extended a challenge to the City of Rockville to see which community would have the largest percentage of increase in Bike to Work Day riders since last year.

Rockville has come out on top with a 48 percent increase in registered riders to Frederick's 22 percent increase. Across the Washington, D.C. area, more than 14,000 cyclists participated in this year's event.

Bike to Work Day is a regional effort that encourages cyclists to take on a greener and healthier mode of transportation.

To learn more about bicycling in Rockville, visit www.rockvillemd.gov. ❖



Rockville Police Cpl. Ken Matney helps to coordinate the department's teddy bear donation collection.

Donate Stuffed Animals to the Rockville City Police Department

When Rockville City Police officers are on patrol, they are prepared to handle any situation with state-of-the-art equipment and something on the softer side.

Each police cruiser carries a stuffed toy in the trunk, which officers use when they run into a situation where a child needs extra comforting.

The stuffed animal is given to children with the intent to keep them calm during tragic situations. Rockville officers see the value in having stuffed animals in every cruiser and even have the special item as part of their vehicle checklist.

Marge Kenemuth is a local resident who has donated to the cause. Ms. Kenemuth, a retired teacher, finds the teddy bear collection an important initiative and said she feels her donation "will bring happiness and hope to a child."

You can help keep the Rockville City police supplied with new or clean, gently-used plush toys. If you would like to make a stuffed animal donation, contact Corporal Ken Matney at kmatney@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8922.

To learn more about the Rockville City Police Department, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

Lincoln Park Community Center Hosts Back to School Jam

Families in need in the City of Rockville can find help getting school supplies and have fun at the same time at the Lincoln Park Community Center's Back to School Jam.

The free event includes backpacks with school supplies on sale for \$1 each (limit four per family and a report card or other proof of school enrollment must be provided). A DJ will provide entertainment while visitors try their luck at winning prizes, enjoy food and drinks, check out information tables or chat with school representatives.

The Back to School Jam is Friday, Aug. 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the community center, 357 Frederick Ave.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8780

Renovations Start in July at Rockcrest Ballet Center

Rockville's ballet program at Rockcrest Ballet Center, 1131 Broadwood Dr., has found a new home this summer while its facility undergoes renovations.

Many ballet classes normally held at Rockcrest have moved to the Elwood Smith Recreation Center, 601 Harrington Rd. through August. As a result of the construction, the City is offering fewer ballet classes in the summer season than normal.

At Rockcrest, the building is getting a new roof, flooring and light fixtures. Inside and out, it will receive a fresh paint. Work is scheduled to start in early July and wrap up by mid-September.

Elwood Smith was modified to accommodate the ballet program; the City's Summer Playgrounds program at Elwood Smith will proceed as scheduled.

For more information on the construction project or either facility, call 240-314-8620 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

Neighborhood Notes

Meet Your Neighbor: Mikel Brookins

Meet Your Neighbor is a regular feature in Rockville Reports and on Channel 11 designed to highlight the unique individuals that make our community a special place. To suggest someone for a future episode and article, email meety-ourneighbor@rockvillemd.gov.

Mikel Brookins is a father, photographer, small business owner and an avid skateboarder.

His passion for the extreme sport compelled him to initiate the Save Our Skate Park (SOS) Committee to help the City maintain the Rockville Skate Park.

The park, located in Welsh Park behind the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center at 355 Martins Ln., opened in 2001. The SOS committee is a group of skateboarders committed to doing a complete 180 on the park to maintain cleanliness and safety.

Interest in the skate park has waned somewhat, and Mikel said the committee really wants to bring kids



Often found on his board, Mikel Brookins encourages kids of all ages to come out to the Rockville Skate Park.

back.

"It's about re-establishing Rockville Skate Park as a family-friendly and positive environment," he says.

The committee has had a positive impact on the park so far. There has been a decrease in waste in the park with the addition of more trash cans, and the removal of some of the park's benches has alleviated loitering issues.

Mikel encourages skaters of all levels and ages to come out to the Rockville Skate Park: "I really want to get

back to the mission statement [...] and that's to offer a safe environment for kids to challenge themselves and to just do something recreational."

The SOS committee also aims to keep the park environmentally-friendly, with green initiatives including recycling, a skateboard exchange program and being energy efficient with the park's lights.

If you want to learn more about the Rockville Skate Park, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Graduates of Rockville's Citizen Police Academy Honored

Class of 2013 was the 2nd Largest Graduating Class in the Department's History

Residents of all ages had the opportunity to go behind the badge in a 10-week course offered by the Rockville City Police Department (RCPD).

The Citizen Police Academy gave students a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to be a Rockville City Police Officer.

The class took place every Tuesday evening at the Glenview Mansion, where students learned about all aspects of police work. This year marked the 30th class in the history of the department, with 43 participants graduating from the academy.

While the academy is offered every year, the 2013 class was the first to make use of the new police station, located at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. The upgraded facility gave students the opportunity

to get hands-on experience, which included a firearms training simulation as part of the syllabus.

One of the graduates, Pamela Bettcher, was drawn to the class from her interest in police shows on television: "Law enforcement officials always say that those shows are nothing like what it's really like," Bettcher says. "So I came because I wanted to find out what it was really like."

The purpose of the academy is to increase public awareness of the functions of the police department by presenting topics such as criminal law, Maryland traffic law,



Rockville City Police Chief Terry Treschuk congratulates graduate with certificate.

drug investigation, evidence and crime scene investigation, crime prevention and firearm safety.

RCPD believes that education is key in helping the public gain a more comprehensive understanding of what is required of police officers to perform their duties effectively.

To learn more about RCPD, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ❖

NEW BATH HOUSE DEDICATION... The Mayor and Council and members of Rockville's state legislative delegation were present at the Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Ln., on May 25. They dedicated a new 5,000 square foot bath house. The project cost of \$1.1 million was funded mostly in the fiscal year 2012 Capital Improvements Program, and included a \$200,000 grant from the State of Maryland in fiscal year 2013.



F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Goings On

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Open House Concert, call 240-314-8681.

Coming to the theater in August is the Rockville Civic Ballet's production of "Coppelia," to music by Delibes, under the direction of Claudia Mangan. Performances are on Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. and on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets for "Coppelia" are \$17 for adults, \$13 for children (12 years and under) and \$13 for seniors (60 years and older). Group rates are also available. Assigned seat tickets may be purchased in person, by telephone or by mail order at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre beginning July 9. For more information, call 240-314-8690.

In addition to these performances, you can see productions by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company and the Rockville Musical Theater.

To learn more about the theatre or upcoming shows, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. ❖



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